

**COMBINED DECLARATION/POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled MICROCATHETER WITH IMPROVED DISTAL TIP AND TRANSITIONS, the specification of which (check one):

XX is attached hereto

— was filed on  
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Serial No.

— and was amended on (if  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

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Application Serial No. :

Filing Date :

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